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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 5680

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, TH, TW

SUBJECT: GENERAL PRAPHAT'S RETURN TO THAILAND

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH PREMIER CHIANG ON OTHER SUBJECTS THIS MORNING I REFERRED TO GENERAL PRAPHAT'S RETURN TO THAILAND. CCK VOLUNTEERED THAT PRAPHAT TRAVELLED ON A DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT AND THAT WHEN HE DEPARTED HE WAS GIVEN A VISA TO RETURN TO THE ROC WITH A VALIDITY OF SIX MONTHS. ON THE OTHER HAND, HIS CHINA AIRLINES TICKET WAS NOT ROUND-TRIP. HE ADDED THAT CHINA AIRLINES WAS SENSITIVE TO THE PROBLEMS IN WHICH IT MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED BECAUSE OF HAVING CARRIED PRAPHAT BACK TO BANGKOK BUT THEY DID NOT FEEL IN ANY POSITION TO TURN HIM DOWN. PREMIER CHIANG VOLUNTEERED THE OPINION THAT PRAPHAT "WILL NOT STAY" IN THAILAND AT THIS TIME.

2. IN CONTRAST TO HIS NONCOMMITTAL REFERENCES TO PRAPHAT, CCK SPOKE SYMPATHETICALLY ABOUT THANOM'S DESIRE TO RETURN TO THAILAND AND HE CHARACTERIZED THANOM AS AN HONEST MAN AND A FRIEND AND MENTIONED HAVING HAD SOME RECENT, ESSENTIALLY PERSONAL EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH HIM. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT LEE KUAN YEW HAD TOLD HIM THAT THANOM IS BEING HOUSED IN THE THAI EMBASSY IN SINGAPORE.

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